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## Canadian News

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### TORONTO TIDINGS

Mrs. Walter Bell, of Oshawa, spent the week-end of March 2d, with her sister, Mrs. Bond.

The father of Mrs. George Elliott, who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital for several weeks, has now been transferred to the Home for Incurables, on Dunn Avenue, where our friend, Mr. Angus A. McIntosh is a patient.

Mr. Howard J. Lloyd, of Brantford, smilingly bobbed up in our midst on March 2d, having motored out on a business errand and to see his relatives.

Still another surprise party has come and passed along. Oh, what a grand time had they who were there! Fun and laughter prevailed through the evening, especially when the "battery" worked its tricks. It all happened when Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goodall put over a surprise party on Mrs. Alex. B. McCaul in honor of her natal day, but owing to a slight indisposition, Mrs. Goodall was unable to be present. A hearty lunch was served towards midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alexander, the latter of whom was formerly Miss Jane Wedderburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wedderburn, of this city, are now located in Chicago, where Mr. Alexander has a good position. We wish for them every success in the "Windy City."

Mr. W. R. Watt was in charge of the Epworth League, on March 6th, and gave a fine address on the refuge we have in God today, tomorrow and forever. There was a good turnout.

Mrs. Alex. Buchan, Sr., was wearing happy smiles on March 6th, for she had first received word that her eldest grandchild, Miss Dorothy Crough, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Crough, of Walkerville, had just been brought home from the hospital, where she had been for six weeks with scarlet fever. She is now up and weeks with scarlet fever. She is now doing very well.

In your issue of February 28th, it was stated that the parties given by Miss Annabel Thomson and the Misses Egginton were in honor of the natal day of Miss Gladys Blais, but they were also given in honor of Miss Alma Brown's birthday as well, and as the latter's name was unintentionally omitted, we now mention it in justice to this modest and ever popular young maiden.

The dispute between the Rapid Grip Engraving Co. and its former employees has now been amicably settled and our friend, William Hazlitt, is back on the job again.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mason with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ambros J. Veale, left by motor, on March 1st, to spend a month amid the salubrious clime of Sunny Florida. We wish them a glorious and profitable trip.

Mrs. Robert King, of Frankford, who came up to this city, at the time of her father's death several weeks ago, and who has been with her mother, Mrs. Chestnut, ever since, became the proud mother of a baby girl on March 7th. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. King on the advent of their first offspring. Both mother and babe are doing well.

Miss Florence Bagby returned to her duties here on March 2d, after her fortnight's visit to her old home in Burk's Falls. Glad to say her mother is much improved.

Mrs. W. W. Scott, who went out to Wellandport to see her parents for a couple of weeks, returned to her home here on March 8th, and now the clouds that made Billy so blue have shifted by.

The largest crowd that has yet turned out to the Bridgen Literary Society since that memorable visit of Mr. John Berry, of Royal Oak, Mich., last Thanksgiving Day, foregathered in the Bridgen-Nasmith Hall, on March 8th, where they were most pleasantly entertained to a magic lantern show by Mr. William Bridgen, brother of the late F. Bridgen. The views were of scenes in England, and of various domestic flowers in all their beauty and stages of growth. Afterwards Mr. J. R. Byrne gave a very dramatic story of how a couple in low means

yearned for a car and luxury, but changed their attitude to self-sacrifice at the sight of poverty in another home.

### WATERLOO WEE BITS

Mr. Lewis Patterson, of Milton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moynihan over the week-end of March 2d.

Mrs. John A. Moynihan had a few friends in for tea on March 3d, in honor of her natal day, though she first saw the light of day on March 4th. She was the recipient of many very lovely gifts from far and near, including a lovely georgette scarf from Miss Viola Johnston, a beautiful ivory double jewelry case from Lewis Patterson, and a lovely ring, set with rubies and pearls, from her sister.

A get-together bunch of young sports, consisting of the Misses Viola Johnston and Beverly Moynihan and Messrs. Otto Carl Rodunske and Lewis Patterson, attended a theatre party in Kitchener, on March 2d.

Mrs. John A. Moynihan was recently apprised of the sad news of the death of Mrs. J. C. Carruthers, sister of our friend, Miss Grace Watts, of Thedford, who came to the end of her earthly journey on February 20th, in the fifty-eighth year of her age. The deceased and her husband lived on a beautiful celery farm adjacent to Thedford.

The funeral took place on February 23d, and was largely attended. To Miss Watt we extend our condolence. She was a very clever cook and housekeeper, and graduated from the Belleville school several years ago.

Years ago there were twice as many of the deaf living in these twin cities and vicinity as there are today. How fast time flies! New Hamburg, just twelve miles west of here, claimed the Nahrgang brothers, Oliver and Isaiah, and their families, the Koehlers, the McKenzies, and others, while many have left here for regions afar, either through obtaining better positions, or marriage or death, yet there are plenty of openings here for the deaf in different kinds of factories, especially tire and woodwork plants. Also beautiful homes for married couples to live in. Bear in mind that Kitchener and Waterloo are growing very fast in hearing population.

### LONG BRANCH LOCALS

Mr. Charles McLaren regrets he was not informed of his sister's death in Osgoode recently in time, or he would have went down to her funeral. However, he expects to go down for a good visit this summer, if all goes well.

Miss Mary Gagnon, of Peterboro, was the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gagnon, over the week-end of March 2d. Though possessed of all her facilities, she is well versed in our mode of communication and is a charming conversationalist.

We are glad to say that Mr. John S. Bartley, who had been suffering from an abscess around the mouth, has now fully recovered and back to work as usual.

Mr. George J. Thompson, who has been faithfully serving on a milk route as driver for many years, has now been promoted to a more lucrative position by the firm, and works within the plant—merely a reward for diligent service.

One of the finest and most up-to-date private homes among the deaf is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gagnon, so snugly nestled in a beautiful grove with a full view of the front roadway. Since putting in a cement block foundation and a furnace, this home has been finished in all the latest style with every convenience, including hardwood flooring and spacious rooms. A most ideal spot to live in. Mr. Gagnon has been steadily employed by the Goodyear Tire Co. for the past eleven years and is well liked by the company. Mrs. Gagnon was formerly Miss Florence Whiteworth, of Toronto. Seeing a copy of the JOURNAL, they promptly handled in their subscription.

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### BORDER BREEZES

On March 1st, Mr. and Mrs. William Riberdy and Mrs. G. Matney, of Detroit, motored out to River Rouge to see the great Ford plant out there. As this was Mrs. Matney's first visit out that way, she was much impressed with all she saw.

Messrs. Ernest Ball and Fred Riberdy, of Detroit, motored out to St. Thomas, Ont., via Port Huron, on March 3d, to visit the former's grandmother, and had a lovely trip.

Mrs. George McDonald and Mrs. George Joly, of Windsor, were out in Detroit lately, visiting with Mrs. O. Ruby.

Mr. and Mrs. William Riberdy motored out to Port Huron lately, on a pleasure jaunt and wanted to cross over to Sarnia to see Mr. and Mrs. Jonnie Henderson, but had not their passports with them, so gave up the ghost and returned home.

Among the many employees of the Ford plant in Detroit, who are being transferred to the firm's plant in River Rouge, is Mr. Edward Ball, but friend Eddie is not much enamored over the change.

Mrs. John A. Braithwaite, of Walkerville, was the guest of Mrs. Cas. Sadows in Detroit, on February 26th, and reports all well in her native haunts.

Mrs. Cas. Sadows held a most delightful "five hundred" party at her cosy home on February 23d, and everything was red in color in honor of George Washington's birthday. The games were very warmly contested and when the chaos was over, it was found that Mrs. John Berry, of Royal Oak, and her husband won first prizes for either sex respectively, the former getting a red tea pot and the latter a red necktie. Second prizes went to Mrs. Horace Waters, red magazine stand, and Fred Riberdy, a deck of playing cards in a red leather case. Booby prizes went to soothe the feeling of Mrs. G. Isaacson, a red vase, and M. Salmon, a set of soap images in red. Dainty refreshments, including a liberal supply of choice chocolates from Harold Sadows, were served, then all trekked homeward at a late hour in jolly spirits.

### LONDON LEAVES

Probably the coldest wave of the season struck this city on February 20th, when the thermometer went down to 22° below zero, while in our neighboring city of St. Thomas, it tumbled to thirty below.

The deaf around here felt very sorry for Mr. Allan Nahrgang, of Kitchener, when they learned of his wife's death lately, and to Allan and his children they extended deepest sympathy.

We regret to say that Mrs. David Dark has been confined to her bed for several weeks, but as these items go off, she is reported to be on the mend and we all trust for a speedy recovery. Our deaf mission sent her a bouquet of lovely carnations.

Mr. W. K. Liddy, of Windsor, was down for the week-end of February 23d, having come to see his son at the Government Hospital. He returned home on February 26th.

Mr. David Dark took Mr. John Fisher's place at the Y. M. C. A. meeting on March 9th, and gave a very fine sermon.

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### GENERAL GLEANINGS

Miss Francis Kenny, of Acton, has been brought home again from the Guelph General Hospital, where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and is doing nicely.

Mr. Gerald R. Barnett, formerly of Sydenham, Ont., is now working for

Colt Bros. at Melburne, Man., and was informed by his brother, Elmer, Barnett, of Foam Lake, Sask., that the JOURNAL, which Elmer takes, would bring him plenty of weekly news of the deaf, so Gerald lost no time in forwarding his subscription to the writer, to be promptly relayed to the editor. We are pleased to hear that Gerald is doing so well in the West. He has another deaf brother, Horace, and a deaf sister, now married and living in Winnipeg.

And still they drift in from everywhere, and this week's subscriptions hail from Walter Gagnon, of Long Branch, and Gerald R. Barnett, of Melburne, Man. Canada's list of JOURNAL readers is near the five hundred mark.

Mr. W. K. Liddy's article on "Cannot do without the Sign-Language" is right in all its meaning. The deaf should never be deprived of what is naturally a God-sent blessing and it uses among themselves on all occasions is like bringing sunbeams of knowledge, idealism and good-will to the very heart. How charming it is to the human heart as they waft their meanings to one another in his way when they can never hear the human voice in its distinctiveness. It also helps to educate the deaf faster than any other means. Why should the deaf be forced to study under pure oralism when the sign-language is by nature the main artery that leads them to greater knowledge in their silent path. Those who advocate pure oralism in preference to the sign-language do not clearly understand the inner conscience of the deaf, and it is a safe bet that they would readily condemn pure oralism were they deaf themselves. To the deaf the sign-language is their most beautiful and beneficial heritage.

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HERBERT W. ROBERTS.

### Maimonides and the Mute.

A great many interesting stories are told about the celebrated Jewish sage, Moses Maimonides. He was the rabbi of the Jewish community of Cordova, Spain, in the early days of the twelfth century. From distant lands men flocked to gather the words of wisdom that fell from his lips; for he was great not only in the knowledge of the Jewish law or Torah, but also in philosophy, astronomy, and medicine. Kings and princes often employed him as their physician.

The fame of Maimonides reached a certain Jewish family in London. The head of this family, a wealthy merchant, was the proud parent of an only son. The young man—scarcely more than a boy—was of a very scholarly disposition. He was never happier than when engaged in study, and his interest embraced every branch of learning and science. He longed to set his eyes upon the "light of Israel," as Maimonides was commonly called, and to become his disciple. He finally obtained his father's consent and set sail for Spain.

He had a very stormy voyage, and when near the coast of Spain was hurled against one of the ship's masts. He lay senseless for hours until he was discovered by the sailors. On regaining consciousness, he found himself speechless, the shock having rendered him dumb though not deaf. This, however, did not deter him from his purpose, and on his arrival at Cordova, he disguised himself in shabby clothes and went to see Maimonides. When he was finally ushered into the presence of Maimonides, he indicated by means of gestures that he wished to become one of his servants, demanding nothing in return but bread and clothes.

Now, Maimonides was a wealthy man and well provided with servants, but he pitied the stranger who was poor and speechless. He therefore accepted his offer and took him into his household service. At this the young man's heart leaped with joy. He was happy at the thought that henceforth he would be living under one roof with the greatest scholar of the age, observing his minutest actions and continually absorbing his ripe wisdom.

Without ever betraying the fact to his master, he applied himself with great zeal to the study of the

law and of the various branches of science. Whenever the disciples of Maimonides assembled at his house to hear his discourses, the youth would listen with rapt attention; whenever Maimonides retired to his room to study the Torah or to carry on his research in the field of medicine, the youth would be close at hand, eagerly watching every movement.

The sage never thought of taking any precautions against a simple-minded mute. Often, when Maimonides was out for a walk or to call on some royal patient, his room would be left in the care of the young servant. The latter never failed to seize these golden opportunities to read and reread the many books written in Maimonides' own hand, until he knew their contents by heart.

Thus the youth grew wiser every day, while his master had not the slightest inkling of the fact.

One day a prince of the royal house took sick. The greatest doctors were summoned, but they said they could do nothing. Finally Maimonides was called in for consultation. The sage arrived, examined the patient, then, turning to weeping relatives, he said: "I can save the patient if you agree to let me perform an operation on his brain. There is a worm on his brain, and when it is removed, the patient will recover."

The prince's relatives realized how dangerous such an operation was, but despairing of saving his life in any other way, they consented.

Maimonides went home, took his instruments and his young servant, the mute, carry them to the prince's palace, where he was also to assist his master in the operation.

As soon as they arrived, Maimonides lost no time in performing the operation. He cut into the patient's skull and revealed the worm that lay upon the brain. He drew from his case a pair of pinchers, but as he was about to seize the worm, he suddenly heard some one exclaim in Hebrew: "Stop! Do not touch the patient's brain with your instrument."

Maimonides turned around, and when he saw that it was the mute who had spoken, he was startled. The young man had suddenly regained his speech in a moment of extreme excitement.

"Pardon me, master," entreated the youth, "I beg you to hear me. The worm has fastened itself firmly upon the brain, and if you attempt to seize it by force, you will surely kill that patient."

"You are right," admitted Maimonides, "but how can I remove the worm without injuring the brain?"

"You yourself have written in one of your books what should be done in a case," replied the youth.

"If I recall correctly, you say: 'Take the fresh leaf of a tree and place it near the worm. The worm will be attracted by the scent of the leaf and will leave the brain to crawl upon the leaf.'"

Maimonides remembered his own advice and followed it. The prince recovered completely from his dangerous sickness. Out of gratitude he offered to shower costly gifts upon Maimonides, but the latter refused to accept them. When the prince insisted on giving some reward, Maimonides said: "God has rewarded the one deserving of reward by restoring speech to the dumb youth, and by conferring upon the world another master of medicine to do his bidding."

JEWISH DEAF.

We judge a store by what it displays in its shop windows. If these windows are dirty, cluttered, and poorly arranged, we are not attracted to the establishment. But if the glass is shining: the goods appropriate, the arrangement artistic, and our own reception courteous, we feel that the management is businesslike, up-to-date, and efficient.

We naturally judge people by their appearance, manner, and speech, for these are the goods, or stock in trade, of the individual, which he exhibits in his window to the public. —Ex.

### SEATTLE

The Frats announce a basket party to be held at Carpenters' Hall, the evening of March 16th, half of the proceeds to go to the W. S. A. D. convention fund. It is to be a St. Patrick's Day affair, and prizes will be given for appropriate costumes.

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Whenever wrong is done  
To the humblest and the weakest  
Nearth the all-holding sun,  
That wrong is also done to us,  
And they are slaves most base,  
Whose love of right is for themselves,  
And not for all the race."

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## Signs of Progress

By Elwood A. Stevenson

One of the greatest and most substantiated criticisms charged to the average teacher of the deaf, and this goes for the average superintendent, is that she is "opinionated" to a great extent, and being guilty of such, many times unconsciously holds back true progress in the work for the deaf. There have been and still are evidences of such condition in our schools today.

During the last fifteen or twenty years there have been many young and conscientious teachers enter our profession, very thorough and sincere in their training and hopes, but who because of being strongly opinionated have carried on their work in a very stereotyped manner and in no way adapting their principles of teaching and training to their immediate surroundings and needs. They have put into practice certain ideas, which, it is certain, the heads of training classes never intended to convey or have effected.

For example, it cannot be conceived that the prime principle of their teaching was that a deaf child should never be allowed to see the written form of a word before he was capable of reading it, and a good command of language, does not suffer because of his new type of association. His language remains the same; if anything, it becomes better. On the other hand, it is admitted that the only way to lay the foundations of good language comprehension and expression is through its constant daily use throughout the early years of a deaf child's school life. All are in agreement on this thought.

Signs as a method and used under wrong conditions and at the wrong time are not to be advocated by any true friend and educator of the deaf.

The thought uppermost in mind should be a strong command of language, its use and understanding, obtained naturally through its daily use and constant study, both spoken and written. Everything detrimental to such desire should be avoided while laying the foundation and the fundamental mastery of English. When such is accomplished, nothing out of school, be it signs or what not, will take away this command and ability. —Cal. News.

## Brooklyn Frats Celebrate

Rounding out two decades of good and useful service, Brooklyn Division, No. 23, pioneer in the East of that million-dollar organization, the N. F. S. D., decided to celebrate the anniversary with a little party.

Naming the four things peculiar to the Irish was won by James Friend. They were green flag, green hat, green pipe and green snake.

"Coo coo," the game that gingers up the gang, followed with everyone willing to do his stunt. Charles McArthur, whose slip told him to stage the Dempsey-Tunney fight, gave an excellent imitation of that memorable seventh round and of the latter kissing the canvas and of the former crouching and biting with powerful blows, but sad to relate the prize did not go to him. But no wonder, most any of us boys would do that in our way if required, but suppose your punched slip told you to take off your shoes and stockings and put them on again in polite society! Well, the writer did that unblushing and the judges awarded him the prize, an owl vase, which the recipient presented to his other half who is one of the O. W. L. S., whatever that is. For women, Mrs. Harry Zahn won a glass sandwich plate, which comes in handy, as it is not long since she took the plunge into the matrimonial sea. The requirement of her was to act the part of a soldier on a march and giving salutes to his superiors in passing.

Paul Di Anno, as chairman of the committee, with aides in Brothers Peter Goetz, Joseph Gabriel and Joseph Sheehan, kept things on the move. Chairman Di Anno introduced Past President Thomas J. Cosgrove as toastmaster. Tom's first entry was Mrs. Johanna McCluskey. She rounded out a graceful and forceful rendering with the concluding lines, as the assembly stood:

"Long may it wave,  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave."

Then all set to sampling the following menu:

Fruit Cocktail	Florida
St. Germaine Soup	
Celery	Olivies
Broiled Spring Chicken	
Potatoes au Gratin	String Beans
Heart of Lettuce	
French Dressing	
Ice Cream	
Assorted Cakes	
Coffee	

Entertainment by professional talent, directed by Prof. Nagle, magician extraordinaire, appeared between courses. Ouija, a mimic and paper-tearer, found favor. Following, Grace Little rendered several interpretive dances. Behind her came a precious tot of four summers in a toe dance that won her an encore. A more mature premiere danseuse gave an alluring Egyptian snake dance. Another number was a head-balancing act, changing to an honest-to-goodness set-to with boxing gloves. The audience were on their toes, not know-

ing whether to call the cops, or let it go as a part of the act, which is what it happened to be. Prof. Nagle ended the show with some clever magic. Mrs. Irving Blumenthal added her bit by interpreting.

Introduced by Toastmaster Cosgrove, first Past President Harry P. Kane recounted the early doings of the Brooklyn Society up to the time it became the first division in the East of the N. F. S. D. He recalled the scoffers at that time, and pictured events leading to the present-day standing, when the latter turned tail and followed others in enrolling.

Past President Alex. L. Pach succeeded his brother in office, taking for his theme "Statistics?" From a mere handful, he said, the organization had developed into a world-wide leader, and the end was not yet.

Harry Goldberg, present chief of No. 23, next got off to a good start. Telling of present day duties of a Division president, Harry wound up his remarks with a hope when he reached sixty or thereabouts, Division No. 23 would still be in the running as celebrators of their natal day. Mrs. Goldberg nodded assent as hubby resumed his seat.

Other speakers included Brothers John D. Shea, John F. O'Brien, Archie McLaren, Jack Bromo Seltzer, John Stiglotti and Nick McDermott. Mrs. H. P. Kane also spoke with a grateful "Thank You" for good words said of Hubby. Mrs. McCuskey followed with a request for a standing "Rah, Rah" for No. 23 by the ladies.

A happy incident of the evening was the presence of Mrs. Jones, wife of the late Prof. W. G. Jones, and her three daughters. The ladies had registered at the Half Moon for the week-end, with the intention their mother would benefit, and find relief for the nonce from her recent bereavement. It was gratifying to note how many of the deaf claimed the late Professor as their teacher, and how touching were their solicitations.

## PITTSBURGH

The St. Patrick Social held at St. Peter's Parish Saturday evening, March 9th, by the P. S. A. D. local branch was a splendid success despite the biting cold 52-mile gale which kept the attendance down some. About fifty-five braved the elements, which is slightly above the average of the past socials. John L. Friend was "monarch of all he surveys" and the manner in which he put it over stamps him as eminently fitted to conduct such affairs. This, however, is no reflection on the chairmen of the previous socials, who did well under the existing conditions. There were counter attractions, but it is believed that such interferences will decrease with more "pep" and advertising on the part of the P. S. A. D. members.

The services was interpreted to the deaf by Mrs. M. M. Simmons, and Rev. S. M. Freeman signed a beautiful prayer. The deaf of St. Mark's Church and also these of the B. Y. P. U. each sent beautiful floral offerings, and a large number of the deaf attended the funeral. On account of the heavy downpour of rain, but few went to the burial, which took place in a country church yard several miles from the city.

The second annual convention of the Dixie Association of the Deaf will be held at Atlanta on August 29th, 30th, 31st, 1929. Arrangements are now underway here to make this convention the largest, and best convention of the deaf the South has ever known. Atlanta wants to make this the crowning achievement of all the big events held here before, as it is likely to be the last truly big convention Atlanta will have for a good while to come.

Mr. Francis P. Gibson, president of the N. F. S. D., spent a couple of days pleasantly in Atlanta last week. The Nadfrat Women's Club honored him at a delightful dinner party on Thursday evening, March 7th. He was also shown portions of the city that he had not previously visited, and he seemed to have enjoyed his visit with the Atlanta deaf quite as much as they enjoyed having him with them. Come again, friend Gibson, you will always be welcome.

The Atlanta deaf were deeply grieved to learn on last Sunday of the death of Professor William G. Jones, of New York City. Professor Jones and wife were in Atlanta only last December, and while his visit was short, he and his wife made a deep impression on the hearts of the deaf of Atlanta. Our profound sympathy goes to the bereaved wife and children of this fine old gentleman.

The following from the *Deaf Carolinian* will be of much interest to the many friends of Professor and Mrs. O. W. Underhill, of North Carolina:

"Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Underhill recently received word that their son, James, had been appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. James graduated recently from Staunton Military Academy at Staunton, Va. He will be admitted to the West Point institution about the first of July. We are all cordially interested in James' appointment and wish to congratulate him and his parents."

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bush and Miss Ruth Tucker, who have been spending the winter at Coral Gables, Fla., will leave for their home in Richmond, Va., on March 26th. They are traveling by automobile, and expect to reach Richmond by the 30th.

The convention of the North Carolina Association of the Deaf will be held this year at Wilmington, N. C., on August 14th to 17th. We advise all our friends who can do so to attend this convention. We have attended the last two conventions in North Carolina, and found them especially interesting. After you have attended this gathering, come and help Atlanta celebrate the "South's Own" D. A. D. meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Michaels stopped over for a day in this city last week, on their way back to their home in Arkansas. Rev. Michaels is waging an active campaign now to further the Dixie Association of the Deaf Home for the Aged. It is hoped to announce something definite about this Home at the Atlanta convention.

On second consideration, we think that if the N. A. D. meets early in July as it usually does, it may be more profitable for the P. S. A. D. to meet at its accustomed time; that

Frat, a charter member of the P. S. C., and will be sadly missed by a host of friends. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his bereaved wife.

William Shaffer, of Punxsutawney, Pa., was killed by a train, details are lacking.

The local branch, G. C. A. A., had a meeting at the Edgewood School, Friday evening, March 8th. Reports were given, but the election of officers was postponed until the next meeting, March 23d, as so many members were absent.

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Rev. Henry J. Pulver will make his monthly visit here March 24th, Palm Sunday. Communion services will be held at eleven in the morning.

A playlet, "There's Many a Slip Twixt the Cup and the Lip," will be given at St. Peter's parish house,

Saturday evening, April 27th,

under the auspices of St. Margaret's Mission. Admission is only twenty-five cents.

FRANCIS M. HOLLIDAY.

## IN DIXIELAND

Funeral services for Miss Rachel Capps, 21 years old, who died Sunday night at her residence, 653 Hansell street, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Grant Park Methodist Church. Rev. W. R. Kendall officiated, and interment was in Prospect churchyard, near Chamblee.

Miss Capps graduated from the Georgia School for the Deaf about two years ago. She had been ill for several months, but attended the services for the deaf at St. Mark's Methodist Church whenever her health permitted.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Capps; two sisters, Miss Lola Mae Capps and Mrs. E. M. Yancy, and one brother, James Howard Capps.

The services was interpreted to the deaf by Mrs. M. M. Simmons, and Rev. S. M. Freeman signed a beautiful prayer. The deaf of St. Mark's Church and also these of the B. Y. P. U. each sent beautiful floral offerings, and a large number of the deaf attended the funeral. On account of the heavy downpour of rain, but few went to the burial, which took place in a country church yard several miles from the city.

The second annual convention of the Dixie Association of the Deaf will be held at Atlanta on August 29th, 30th, 31st, 1929. Arrangements are now underway here to make this convention the largest, and best convention of the deaf the South has ever known.

Atlanta wants to make this the crowning achievement of all the big events held here before, as it is likely to be the last truly big convention Atlanta will have for a good while to come.

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## PHILADELPHIA

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## FAIRY GODMOTHER CLUB

Two very enjoyable gatherings of the Fairy Godmother Club of Philadelphia were held within the past two weeks and will pass into the history of this little social and charitable club as "Red Letter Days." During the second annual banquet of the club at the Adelphia Hotel on February 14th, Mrs. Wm. Ruthmund, an ex-president, one of the most popular of the club members, extended to her fellow workers an invitation to spend February 22d at her home. The invitation was received with great glee by all concerned, and on the appointed evening the club journeyed joyfully down to Olney. Every member was present, except Mrs. M. J. Syle, who was ill, and Mrs. C. O. Dantzer, who is in far-off Indiana.

Entirely new and very laughable games were played, stories exchanged and the evening passed all too quickly. Before midnight our hostess, assisted by her hubby, served very dainty and appetizing refreshments. Before separating for their homes, the club was again overjoyed by an invitation from Mrs. Nancy Moore, to be her guests at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Syle, who by one year's illness has been unable to attend the club's many social and business meetings. Mrs. Moore made an ideal hostess, her table and the menu being beyond all criticism. She had arranged a program for the evening. Mrs. George M. Sanders gave a short sketch of the life of Hoover; Mrs. McGhee followed with a short sketch of Mrs. Coolidge, Miss Cora Reed rendered most gracefully "Lead Kindly Light," and yours truly told an interesting story of a lost hunter. The entire evening was a most delightful affair and thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Irene Syle, Miss Leaming, Mrs. Herbert Syle and Miss Kintze and Mrs. Mabel Wilson acted as waiters, and our sincere thanks are due to them for a splendidly successful party.

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G. M. D.

Greetings from Jamaica were sent us by Editor Hodgson and it was a pleasure to note that he is enjoying his mid-winter vacation in the far Southern country.

Mr. John A. McIlvaine, Jr., gave an interesting talk on the plans of the National Research Council to aid the deaf and the hard of hearing, before the Philadelphia Local Branch, P. S. A. D., at the North Philadelphia Y. M. C. A., on Saturday evening, March 16th. Mr. McIlvaine attended the meeting of the Council.

All Souls' Parish House, which was hoped from the beginning to be the deaf community center of Philadelphia, can no longer be regarded as such, and we should not be surprised if another agreeable center is found for all creeds.

A stated meeting of the Clerc Literary Association was held at All Souls' Parish House, on Thursday evening, March 14th.

Mr. Frank Jahn found it expedient to invest in an automobile to convey him daily to and from his work. He lives in Roxborough, a section of Philadelphia, where trolley facilities are least convenient, and therefore we think he did well in making the investment.

Mrs. S. O. Honsermyer, of York, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reider, in the city at present.

Some talk is going the rounds of making Erie, Pa., the meeting place of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf in 1930, close to the time of the meeting of the National Association of the Deaf and the World's Congress of the Deaf at Buffalo, N. Y. The idea is a good one, though we doubt that there will be many who can attend the three meetings, which would entail a long absence from home and work, not to mention the unusual expense. However, as no one is required to go to New York State after the Pennsylvania meeting, we might generously acquiesce to meet at Erie to give others the chance to "kill three birds with one stone." A lot will depend upon the time selected for the meetings, for past experience in this State has shown that the time around Labor Day is most popular for the State society's meeting, and should be well considered.

On second consideration, we think that if the N. A. D. meets early in July as it usually does, it may be more profitable for the P. S. A. D. to meet at its accustomed time; that

is, around Labor Day, and somewhere in the central part of the State. And Erie can be selected any other year before doomsday.

Mr. and Mrs. Flenner's oldest daughter was removed to a hospital, suffering with scarlet fever.

Mr. William Walker was operated on for appendicitis, and, as far as we know, the operation was successful.

Mrs. Joseph Mayer was recently operated on for appendicitis in a hospital and has since returned home.

By invitation of Superintendent Gruber and the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf, the 1929 meeting of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf will be held at the Institution from August 30th to September 2d, inclusive.

An effort is being made by the Lancaster deaf to revive their local branch. Success to them.

Philadelphia mourns with New York the passing of Mr. William G. Jones.

## Gallaudet College

The lecture of Dr. Thomas Fox, '83, before the Literary Society was an inspiring effusion of the speakers great personality. We would like to give the talk in full, but as there are many things to report in this column, we must confine ourselves to the choicest morsels. The lecture centered around two main topics: the dissemination of knowledge about the deaf among hearing people who do not understand, and the part Gallaudet College is playing in this work. Dr. Fox described the wise misunderstandings about the deaf in the world at large, citing examples from his own experience to show how even those who should know, do not comprehend that deafness is a handicap that does not imply incapacity, dependence upon the public and mental impairment. This, he pointed out, was the outstanding problem that the deaf

## CHICAGO

Anton Novotny's father, aged 99, died last week of heart failure. He apparently was in good spirits and health when he went to bed at night. A noise of shaking the house awakened Mr and Mrs. Novotny at 4 a.m. They went into every room to see what the trouble was, and finally found the father lying on the floor dead. It was believed at first that the deceased was killed in a fall off the bed, but a doctor was called to examine him and pronounced him dead from heart disease. He leaves an estate containing three houses, lots and others, to be divided among his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Freighan stopped off here for some days, on their way back home in Philadelphia from a stay of two months in California. Mrs. Freighan went on March 8th to Indiana to visit her folks, leaving her husband to stay and visit the Ephpheta Club and other friends. Then he departed March 12th to join her and after that they continued on their way to Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Anna McGann announces a lecture by Mr. Asa A. Stutsman, of Detroit, Mich., to be held at the Pas-a-Pas rooms, Saturday, March 30th, for the benefit of the Home for Aged Deaf. A large attendance is desired. Tickets are thirty-five cents.

The Chicago Council No. 1 of K. L. D. held a monthly business meeting at the Ephpheta Club house, Sunday, March 10th, at 3 p.m. After the close of the meeting, they passed a pleasant evening in social conversation.

On Saturday, March 9th, the Pas-a-Pas room was the lively scene of a "SOO" and bunco party, managed by Mrs. E. E. Carlson. The usual number was present, and indulged in games for prizes.

The lease of the hall by the Pas-a-Pas Club will expire May 1st, its members will meet next week to vote to renew it or seek a larger hall, according to President Frank Johnson.

Frank Pleasant, head of the printing department at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, received a sad message last Saturday of the death of his brother-in-law, Charles Sager, who died at Dayton, O., following an operation.

The following officers have been elected by the club recently organized by the young men deaf men of Delavan, Wis.—President, Harry Wille; Vice-President, John Bracaus; Secretary, Marvin Goff; Treasurer, Francis McLean.

Mesdames Neesam and Pleasant entertained eighteen deaf ladies at a card party, at the Neesam home at Delavan, Wis., on Saturday evening. Five hundred was played during the evening, for which prizes were awarded to Mrs. O. R. Wille for high score and second to Mrs. Coulthard. Refreshments were served.

The death of two pupils cast a gloom over the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. They died of measles. Their names were Edward Boebel, ten years old, passing away at the home of a relative in Delavan, February 26th, and Raymond Steinacker, seven years old, in the Institution hospital, Wednesday, March 7th. Raymond's illness left him in a weak condition and he was unable to rally from an operation. His father was at his bedside when the end came. The bodies of Edward and Raymond were taken to Boscobel and to Butternut, Wis., respectively, for burial.

Edgar Bloom, of New York City, was a visitor at the M. E. Mission, Sunday, March 10th.

Guy Hoagland is enjoying a visit of his niece, hailing from Indiana. She will return home in two weeks.

Mrs. P. Hasenstab, who has been under the weather for some time, is on the mend.

The Methodist Mission will avail itself of the courtesy of the Board of Trustees in placing the use of the audience room of the Chicago Methodist Temple at its disposal for its Easter Sunday service. Friends of the Mission are accordingly prepared to attend the service there. Fellowship tea will await their presence at the Mission's headquarters after the service.

The executive committee of the Members' Meeting of the Methodist Mission has voted to hold its monthly meeting on March 23d, instead of the following 30th, so that the members thereof may attend Mrs. Asa Stutsman's lecture at the Pas-a-Pas Club room.

Mark C. Knighthart, aged fifty-six, underwent an operation for gallstones at the Garfield Park Hospital, on Wednesday, March 6th, and passed away at 3 o'clock of the following morning. Funeral services were held for him on the following Saturday and the remains were sent to Taylorville, Ill., for interment. His wife and a married sister with her two daughters survive him. He and his sister managed the hotel at Momence for about fourteen years. Since moving to Chicago he had been employed in a publishing house. Mrs. Knighthart's mother preceded him in death February 2d.

Mrs. Hattie Odom gives the following news about the doings of the deaf:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Woolfolk on the 7th of February, a bouncing baby boy. From latest reports mother and baby are doing fine. Congratulations. Pass us the cigars, Wade.

We were informed recently of the death of Mrs. Willie Shepherd, wife of Robert Shepherd. She had been ill health for the past three years and expired on the 15th of last month at her former home at Murfreesboro, Tenn. We extend to the husband our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

We are glad to announce that we have another of the "latest arrivals" in our colony, that being Miss Mary Davis, a graduate of the Connecticut School at Hartford. Whether her stay is permanent or not is problematical, yet she is being well entertained.

### THIRD FLAT

## OMAHA

The Midwest basketball tournament, scheduled for March 1st and 2d, was abandoned on account of quarantine for scarlet fever at the Kansas School and also because some of the players on the Oklahoma team were above the age limit set by the H. S. A. A., of which the Nebraska team is a member.

The team was the winner in class B for this district, and Omaha's only representative at the state tournament held at Lincoln. The N. S. A. team defeated the Falls City and Superior team, but these two victories sapped their energy, so they were in no condition to play the Strong Valley team. They were defeated 27 to 16 and failed to qualify for the finals. Nevertheless, they had a very successful season, partly due to the energy and confidence of their coach, Nick Peterson.

The March meeting of the Mid-West Chapter was held at the hospitable Elks' Club Hotel, on March 8th. The new constitution was read and voted upon, which took considerable time. The winners at Bridge were Miss Mary Dobson and Mr. M. J. Hester. Hosts and hostesses were Messrs. and Mesdames L. Holway, Robert Mullin and Mrs. Emma Seeley. Delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held April 6th, at Hotel Chieftain in Council Bluffs.

Congratulations to Jen and Bob—otherwise known as Miss Jennie Jones and Mr. Robert Werdig, for their successful handling of the Washington, D. C., column in the JOURNAL and a similar column in the Hawkeye. Hal and Mel are known in private life as Harry G. and Mabel E. Long, and having a home and two children to look after, are satisfied to be the JOURNAL's persistent, if somewhat irregular, correspondents from Omaha.

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